

Date: 7th September 2020

To: Parents, Carers, Staff and Other Stakeholders,
Kitwell Primary School

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Other Stakeholders

Notification of forthcoming proposal to make changes to Kitwell Primary School

I am writing to inform you of the proposal that Birmingham City Council is planning to publish, following a request from the Governing Body of Kitwell Primary School.

Change to the Lower age range from 3 – 11 to 4 – 11 years to remove the nursery provision.

As you are aware the school currently operates a 26 full time equivalent nursery class which can offer 52 part time places for 3 and 4 year olds. The number of pupils attending the nursery at the school has been lower in recent years. This is due to there being a large supply of nursery provision in the local area. The nursery has been operating at approximately 69% capacity. This has financial implications as the cost of providing the nursery is more than the amount of money received. Nurseries operating with a large number of unfilled places can be a risk to the financial viability and sustainability of the nursery which can impact the budget of the school.

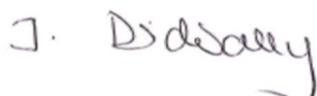
The Governing Body wrote to Birmingham City Council in March to request closure of the nursery. The Local Authority must act reasonably during all consultations to ensure that all interested parties have been able to make representations. Due to the restrictive measures imposed by the Government in response to COVID 19 Birmingham Council did not feel it was possible to consult on the closure of the nursery while the school was closed.

Birmingham City Council, as the Local Authority, is now in a position to and has agreed to consult on the closure of the nursery with a closure date of **31st December 2020**. I will write to you again in two weeks' time on 24th September 2020 with details of the formal consultation (also known as the representation period).

The formal consultation will run for four weeks. It is during this time that you will have the opportunity to formally let us know what you think about the proposed changes to the School. At the start of this formal consultation we will be providing a full proposal document on a BeHeard consultation website which will have full details of the planned changes and with all the information on how you can participate in the consultation and make your views known.

If you have any immediate comments or concerns please contact the school or email Birmingham City Council School Organisation Team, before Friday 18th September 2020 via:
edsi.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk and include **Kitwell** in the subject.

Yours sincerely,



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